

While other teams spent millions from corporate sponsorships, the Principia team spent less than \$180,000. The winner, Tokai University of Japan, was sponsored by Sharp Electronics, a leader in solar engineering. This year's runner-up was sponsored by the European Space Agency. When the race was over, Principia earned the Safety Award from race officials, their fourth overall and first in international competition.

I want to congratulate John Broere (Director of Engineering Science), Joe Ritter (Assistant Dean of Academics) and the members of the Principia College Solar Team on their outstanding achievement. Their efforts have done much in accelerating this exciting field of scientific exploration.

IN RECOGNITION OF DOROTHY
BRYANT

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me take this means to recognize Dorothy Bryant from my hometown of Lexington, Missouri. Mrs. Bryant will be retiring at the end of this year after thirty years of dedicated service to the Lafayette County Sheriffs Department.

Mrs. Bryant began working for the Sheriffs Department on January 21, 1980, and since then has worked for five different Sheriffs of Lafayette County. She has worked for the current Sheriff, Kerrick Alumbaugh, for nine of her thirty years. A loyal and dedicated employee, Mrs. Bryant has worked tirelessly to serve the residents of Lafayette County.

Madam Speaker, Dorothy Bryant has helped keep the people of Lafayette County safe for the past three decades. I trust that my fellow members of the House will join me in wishing her the very best in her well-earned retirement.

HONORING LARRY KELLNER,
CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE
OFFICER OF CONTINENTAL
AIRLINES INC.

HON. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. CULBERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Larry Kellner, chairman and chief executive officer of Continental Airlines Inc., the world's 5th largest airline. In May 2001, Larry Kellner was elected president of the airline and to the Board of Directors, and in March 2003, he was named president and chief operating officer. In December 2004, Mr. Kellner became chairman and chief executive officer, where he has promoted international growth at Continental Airlines and has fostered the company's unique culture, putting emphasis on strong internal communication and giving employees the tools to provide outstanding customer service.

Throughout Mr. Kellner's 14-year career at Continental, the company has won more awards for customer satisfaction than any other airline. In 2009, FORTUNE magazine

ranked Continental the No. 1 airline on their annual airline industry list of "Most Admired Global Companies" for the 6th consecutive year. Continental Airlines also employs 41,000 system-wide and nearly 12,000 in Houston, Texas.

Prior to joining Continental, Mr. Kellner was executive vice president and chief financial officer of American Savings Bank, owned by The Robert M. Bass Group. Prior to that, he was executive vice president and chief financial officer of The Koll Company, a private real estate investment and construction firm.

Kellner graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of science in business administration from the University of South Carolina, where he served as Student Body President. In addition, the University of South Carolina presented him with the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1998.

Mr. Kellner is active in numerous community and civic organizations. He currently serves on the board of directors for Marriott International and the Air Transport Association. On the civic front, he is a member of the board of directors for the Methodist Hospital, YMCA of Greater Houston, the Greater Houston Partnership, the Spring Branch Education Foundation, and Central Houston, Inc., and is a member of the Boy Scouts of America National Executive Board. Mr. Kellner also serves on the advisory boards of the March of Dimes and Teach for America, and is on the development board of the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. He resides in Houston with his wife, Susan, and their four children.

After more than 14 years at Continental Airlines and 5 years as its CEO, Mr. Kellner will leave the company at the end of 2009 and will head Emerald Creek Group, LLC, a new private investment firm based in Houston.

Congratulations to Larry Kellner for his many achievements throughout his career at Continental Airlines and the best of luck in his future endeavors.

SHILOH MISSIONARY BAPTIST
CHURCH 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church of Mount Vernon, Illinois for reaching the centennial milestone.

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church opened in 1909 on Vaught Avenue in Mount Vernon and held services at the location throughout 1960's. After being sold, the congregation was unable to find a new location. Being unwilling to dissolve their tight-knit congregation, the Shiloh Missionary Baptist family held services at a member's home for years before acquiring property on Conger Avenue in Mount Vernon.

In spite of adversity, including a disastrous fire in 1999, Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church has held true to its mission in the community and has become a part of Mount Vernon. Its congregation continues its outreach ministry to troubled youths and many others in the community.

I want to join with the members of this House in congratulating Reverend Lawrence

James and the men and women of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church on celebrating one hundred years of good works, to thank them for all they do for our community and to wish them another hundred years of success.

FREEDOM CAPTIVATES THE
HUMAN SPIRIT

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, last week I spoke at a moving exhibit at the Heritage Foundation which featured a collection of 50 paintings by Ukrainian artist and gulag survivor Nikolai Getman.

Mr. Getman spent eight years in a Siberian gulag. Following his harrowing experience he secretly undertook to chronicle his time in the Soviet forced labor system because he said he was "convinced that it was my duty to leave behind a testimony to the fate of the millions of prisoners who died and who should not be forgotten."

These 50 paintings are the fruit of 40 years of work on the part of Nikolai. They are a powerful testimony of one's man's triumph over totalitarianism. They ought not be relegated to the annals of history. While the Soviet Union no longer exists, those who seek to suppress freedom, be they in North Korea, China or Egypt, are still with us.

I submit my remarks from the Heritage Foundation event:

"Experience and the record had convinced me that communism is a form of totalitarianism, that its triumph means slavery to men wherever they fall under its sway, and spiritual night to the human mind and soul."

These words were spoken by famed Communist party member, Soviet spy and ultimate defector, Whitaker Chambers.

In testimony before the House Un-American Activities Committee, Chambers said that in spite of what he knew to be true of communism, he believed he was "leaving the winning side for the losing side" but that was "better to die on the losing side than to live under communism."

Of course we know that Chambers' fear proved to be untrue. That communism, as Ronald Reagan predicted, was destined for the "ash heap of history." That the gulags of that era, depicted before us tonight, were destined to be relics of the past.

Ronald Reagan modeled how to confront repressive regimes like the Soviet Union. He spoke truth to power. He boldly pressed the Soviets to respect the fundamental human rights of their own people. He raised the cases of dissidents by name.

He did this because of a fundamental belief that the U.S. constitution was a "covenant we have made not only with ourselves, but with all of mankind"

Reagan once said, "Coersion, after all, merely captures man. Freedom captivates him."

Indeed freedom captivates the human spirit and ultimately triumphs over tyranny whatever form it takes.